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**37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement**

Applicant: James C. Bedingfield

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING INCOMING  
COMMUNICATIONS TO A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE

Serial No.: 09/742,765

Filed: December 20, 2000

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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS TO A  
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**TITLE OF INVENTION****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which:

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on December 20, 2000, as ☒ Serial No. 09/742,765  
☐ and was amended on      (*if applicable*).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.      filed on       
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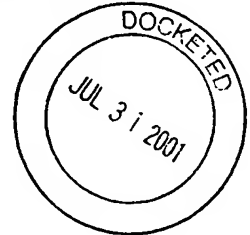
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Name of Inventor: James C. Bedingfield

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